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1. As of the middle of October, 1951, the training school is located at Budapest, Hungaria Koerut 11, at the Bem Barracks (formerly Andrassy Barracks).
2. Commander of the training school: Laszlo Baranya (Lieutenant Colonel); Political Officer: John Balko (Major); Def. Officer: Lieutenant Kovacs.
3. The school is divided into:
 - a. Section, batteries No. 1, 2, and 3
 - b. " " " 4, 5, and 6
 - c. " " " 7, 8, and 9
4. Those who attend the 10th battery are assigned, after a six months' training period, to the antiaircraft troops as NCO's. They are men who served previously in the army and are members of the Communist cadre.
5. Battery No. 11, LRB battery (antiaircraft radar battery), training schedule: 12 months.
6. Battery No. 12, training schedule: 24 months. For soldiers who have previously been trained.
7. One hundred to 125 men are assigned to each battery. Approximately 1,300 men are trained in these barracks; ranks: from gunner to sergeant.

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[REDACTED] the above-mentioned name has been used in public; the football team of the school is also mentioned thus in the newspapers.

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9. The individual batteries are called "groups", for example, Battery No. 4 is called Group "Z", Battery No. 5, Group "K", Battery No. 6, Group "H".
10. The Battery: There is a political officer assigned to each commander. Secretary of the Party is an officer chosen from the participants in the course. Each battery has 4 platoons, each platoon, 4 squads. Platoon commanders are officers, each squad has 1 NCO and 7 or 8 men.
11. Training schedule:
 - a. Politics--6 hours weekly; geography of the Soviet Union and of the states behind the Iron Curtain; History, ideology, composition.
 - b. Tactics of a battalion in all weapons, 8 hours.
 - c. Firing instruction with antiaircraft weapons.
 - d. Fighting instruction, 4 hours (similar to that of the infantry).
 - e. Army organization of the antiaircraft artillery in detail, the other arms only in general.
 - f. Weapons instruction in antiaircraft weapons, 2 hours.
 - g. Topography (with Russian charts only).
 - h. Shooting instruction in infantry weapons, 1 hour.
 - i. Motor cars, 2 hours.
 - j. Base service, 1 hour.
 - k. Chemical weapons, 1 hour.
 - l. Instruction in antiaircraft instruments, 3 hours.
 - m. Technical service and fortification, 1 hour.
 - n. Intelligence, 2 hours.
 - o. Service regulations, 2 hours.
 - p. Formal training, 1 hour.
 - q. Callisthenics and fencing, 1 hour.
 - r. Military correspondence, 1 hour.
 - s. Mathematics (no trigonometry), 3 hours.
 - t. L.R.B., radar, 1 hour.

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12. Daily schedule: Reveille, 5 o'clock; callisthenics, 15 min.; breakfast, 6 o'clock; press commentaries, 6:30-7:30; studies and training, 7:30-2:30 p.m.; lunch, 2:50 p.m.; recreation 3-5 p.m.; studies, 5-8 p.m.; party news, retreat at 10:30 p.m. The catering is excellent (5 meals daily).

13. Types of arms:

12.9 mm. antiaircraft machine guns
37 mm. automatic antiaircraft cannons M.48, shooting range up to 4000 meters
85 mm. antiaircraft cannon, M.48, shooting range up to 7,000 meters
Allegedly, in the near future, the training school will receive antiaircraft cannon of 127 and 150 mm. calibre

14. Instruments:

- a. The 85 mm. cannon has a control apparatus, similar to the German "Panzer III".
- b. D.Ja. distance meter M. 48, and a teledistance meter for 4 meters.
- c. B1. antiaircraft battery telescope M.48, with 4, 6 and 12 fold enlargement, 90° scope.
- d. An antiaircraft compass, M.48, for measuring distances of batteries and observation posts.

15. Signal corps' instruments: For each 85 mm. cannon battery, an R-3 for the Section Command and 5 field telephones, R-7, and upwards for the antiaircraft units.

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